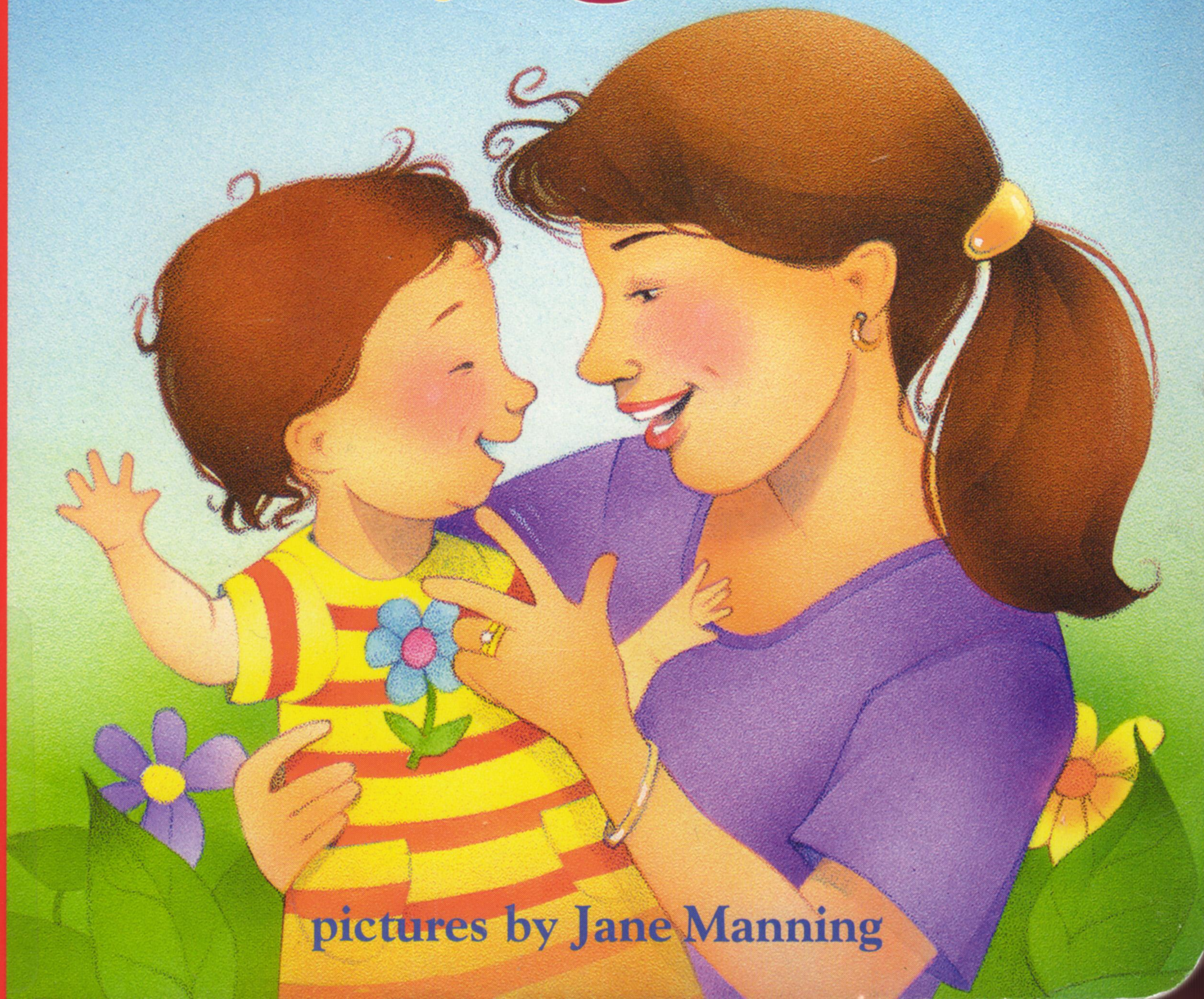


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AND UP

my first baby games



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This Little Piggy

This little piggy went to market.

(Point to or gently wiggle each of baby's toes starting with the big toe.)

This little piggy stayed home.

This little piggy had roast beef.

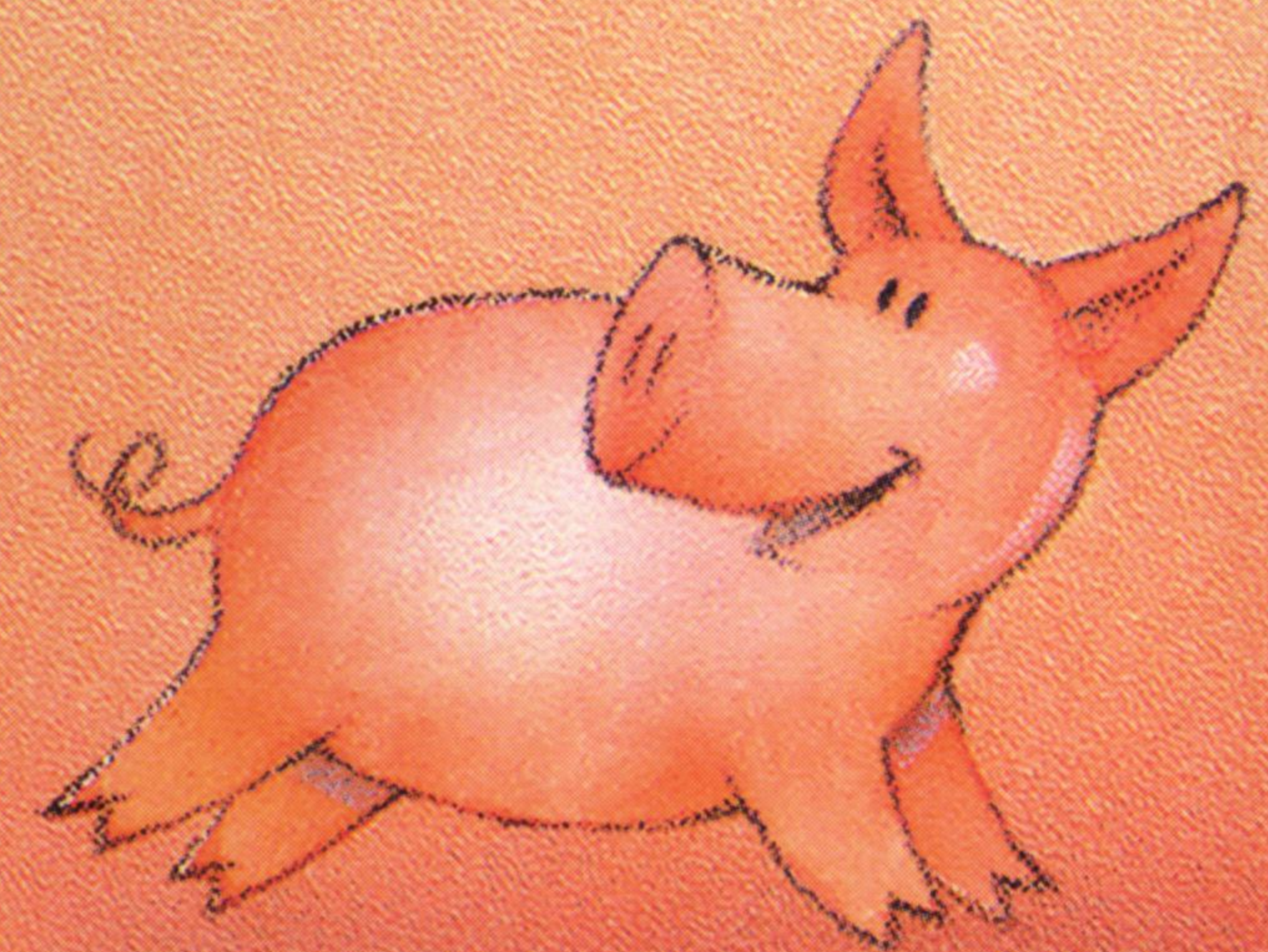
This little piggy had none.

And this little piggy cried,

(Wiggle baby's little toe and run your fingers up baby's legs to tickle tummy.)

“Wee, wee, wee,”

All the way home.



Slowly, Slowly

Slowly, slowly, very slowly,
Creeps the garden snail.

*(Use your fingers to "creep" up
one of baby's arms.)*

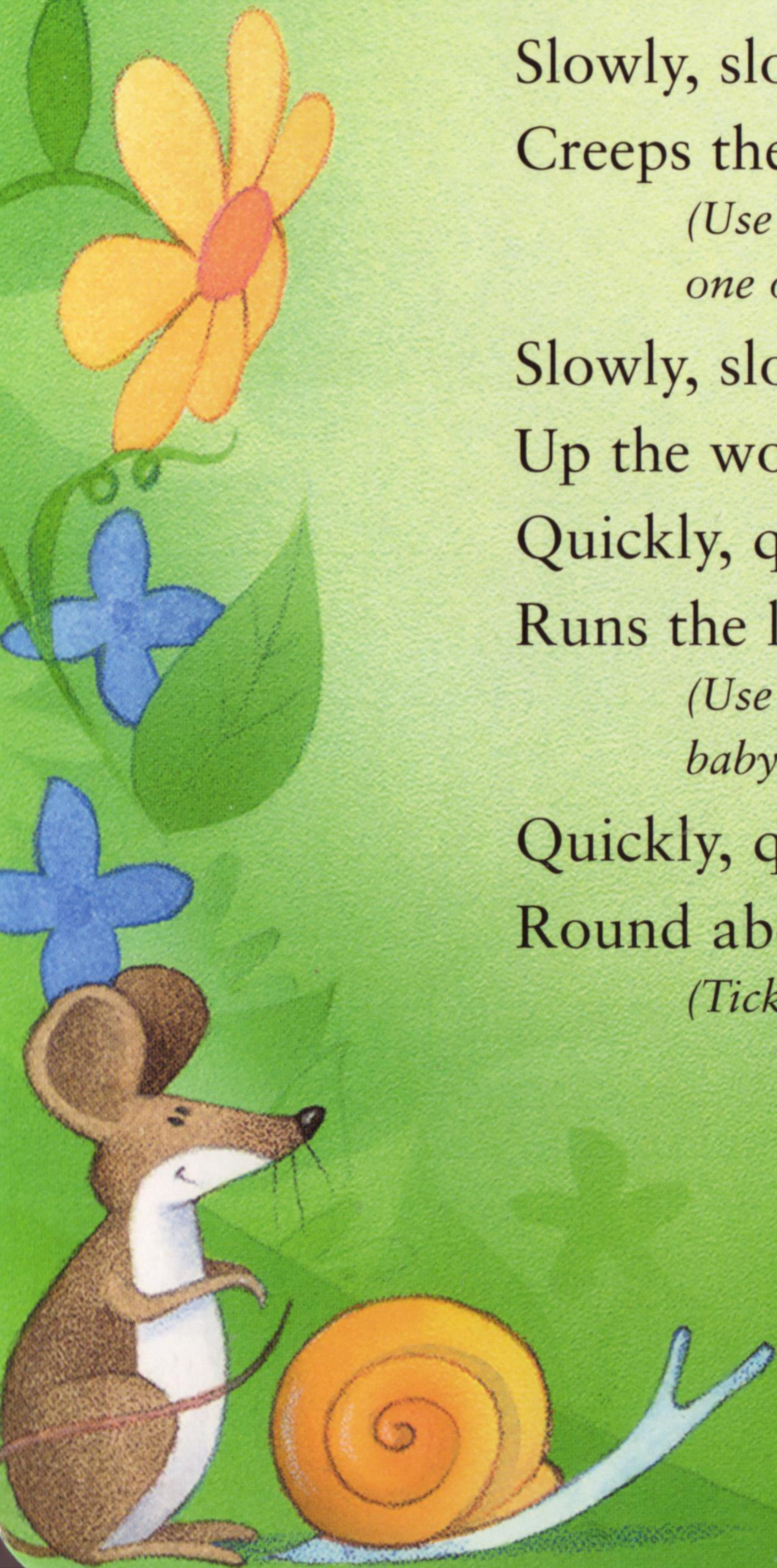
Slowly, slowly, very slowly,
Up the wooden rail.

Quickly, quickly, very quickly,
Runs the little mouse.

*(Use fingers to quickly run down
baby's other arm.)*

Quickly, quickly, very quickly,
Round about the house.

(Tickle baby's tummy round and round.)





Jeremiah, Blow the Fire

Jeremiah*, blow the fire.

Puff, puff, puff.

(Blow gentle puffs on baby's tummy.)

First you blow it gently,

(Blow one long gentle puff.)

Then you blow it rough!

*(Blow one big gust or "raspberry"
on baby's tummy.)*

**Substitute your baby's name.*

Pat-a-Cake

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man,
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.

(Clap baby's hands together.)

Roll it,

*(Take baby's hands and spin them
around each other.)*

And pat it,

(Clap baby's hands together.)

And mark it with a "B,"

(Trace the letter "B" on baby's belly.)

And put it in the oven for baby and me.

(Fling baby's arms wide.)





Eye Winker, Tom Tinker

Eye winker,
(Point to baby's eyes.)

Tom tinker,
(Point to baby's ears.)

Nose smeller,
(Point to baby's nose.)

Mouth eater,
(Point to baby's mouth.)

Chin chopper,
(Point to or hold baby's chin.)

Guzzle whopper!
(Tickle baby's belly.)



Trot, Trot, Trot

Trot, trot, trot to London.

*(With baby facing you and firmly supported,
gently bounce baby on your knees.)*

Trot, trot, trot to Dover.

Look out, Jane*

Or you might fall OVER!

(Tip baby to one side.)

Trot, trot, trot to Boston.

(Continue to bounce baby on your knees.)

Trot, trot, trot to Lynn.

Look out, Jane*

Or you might fall IN!

*(Open your knees and let baby “fall” slightly
downward and backward, while firmly
supporting baby’s body and head.)*

**Substitute your baby’s name.*





Mix a Pancake

Mix a pancake,

Stir a pancake,

(Make big stirring motions while holding baby.)

Pop it in the pan.

(“Pop” baby down onto lap.)

Fry the pancake,

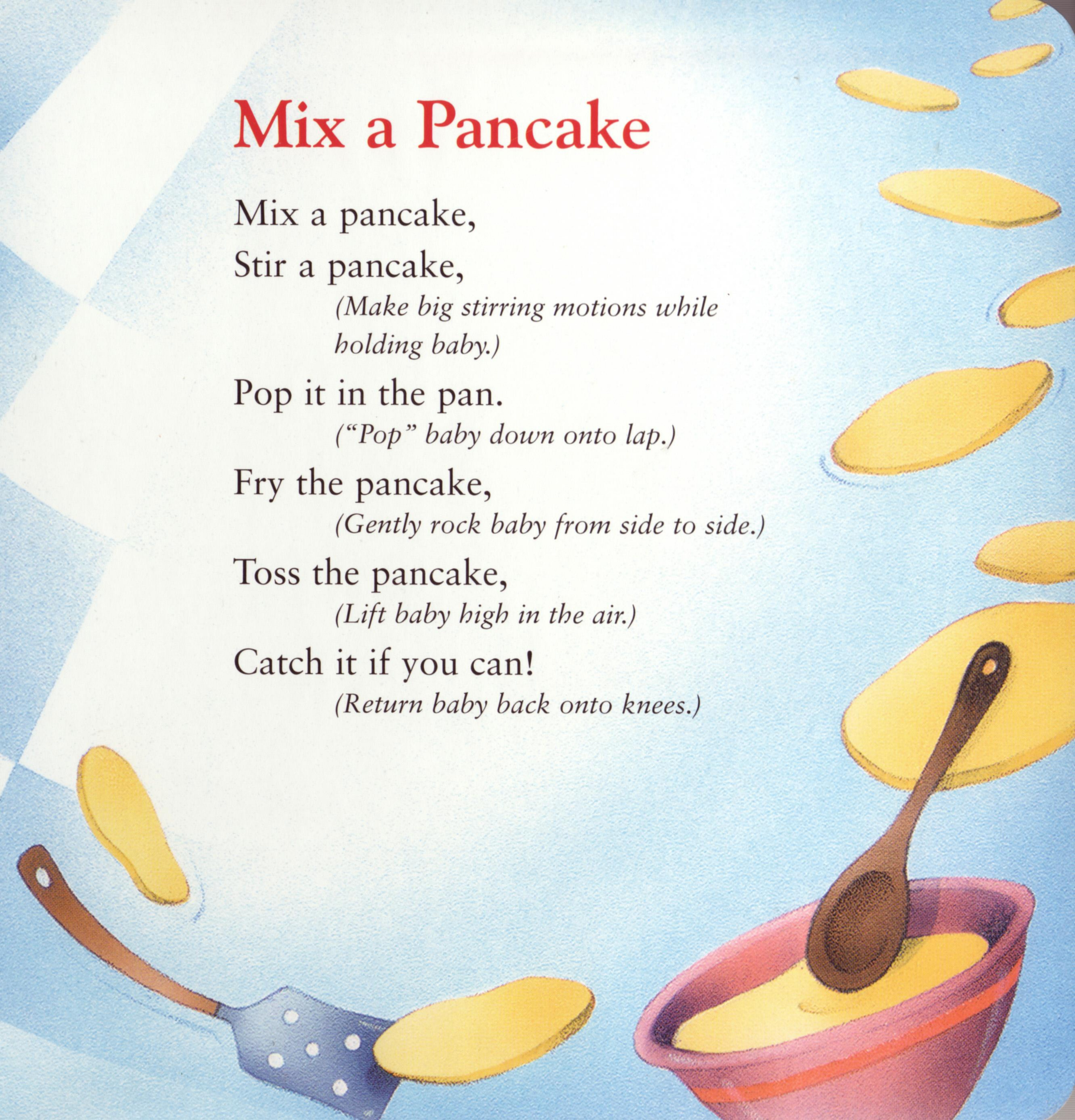
(Gently rock baby from side to side.)

Toss the pancake,

(Lift baby high in the air.)

Catch it if you can!

(Return baby back onto knees.)



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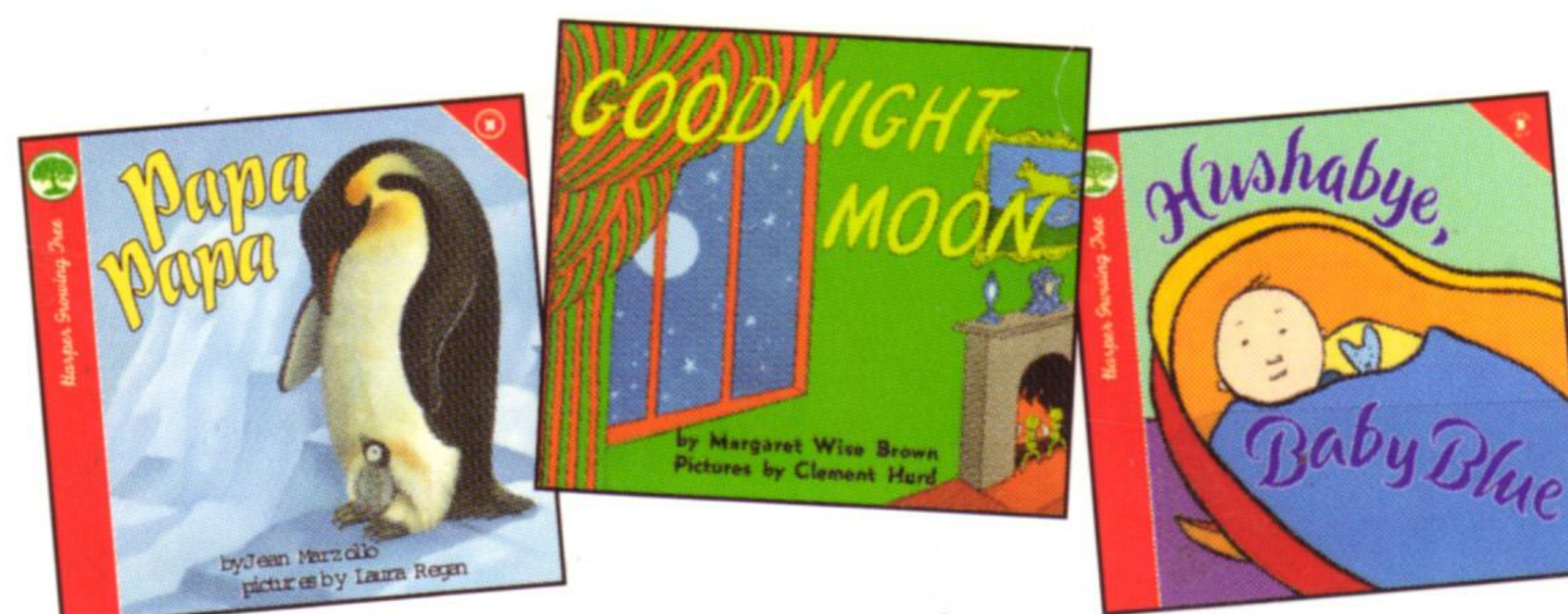


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